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SUBJECT : MIDEASTFOR: RENT AND REASSURANCES

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1. I THINK WE HAVE A DEAL. ADM. HANKS AND I SAW BREIGN MINISTER EVENING JANUARY 25 IN ACCORDANCE INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL. HE CONFIRMED OUR \$4 MILLION SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES NEGOTIATIONS AND INDICATED, AS INITIAL INFORMAL REACTION, SATISFACTION WITH OUR PROPOSED LETTER OF REASSURANCES. WE LEFT HIM A DRAFT WHICH HE INTENDS CHECK OUT WITH LEGAL MINISTER BAHARNA, THEN PRESENT TO CABINET ALONG WITH GOB REPLY AT JANUARY 28 MEETING. IF PROPOSED REPLY SATISFACTORY TO US WE WILL ARRANGE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON PROCEDURAL UNDERSTANDING RE JURISDICTION (ARTICLE 11), AND DELIVERY OUR "UNILATERAL" NOTE ON ARTICLE 14, HOPEFULLY WITHIN A WEEK.

2. WE AGREED MIDEASTFORCE AND SHIRAWI'S MINISTRY COULD WORK OUT DETAILS OF LEASE ALTERATIONS AT LEISURE ONCE ABOVE STEPS TAKEN.

3. POSSIBILITY MIDEASTFOR DEBATE IN JANUARY 26 ASSEMBLY SESSION NOW SLIM SINCE KEY MINISTERS TIED UP IN UNEXPECTEDLY EARLY ARRIVAL MALAYSIAN PM. FEBRUARY 2 DEBATE MORE LIKELY. AT CONCLUSION MEETING JANUARY 25 FOREIGN MINISTER SOUGHT THROUGH SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AND RECEIVED FROM ADMIRAL

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HANKS EXCELLENT BRIEFING ON MIDEASTFOR AND SOVIET NAVAL

FORCES, FACILITIES, AND ACTIVITIES IN AREA IN PREPARATION
FOR DEBATE.

4. COMIDEASTFOR HAS SEEN AND CONCURS, REQUEST DEPT PASS
TO APPROPRIATE MILITARY ADDEES INCLUDING COMIDEASTFOR.
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